

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a program to a client, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a request for a pay per view program from the client;
- determining if the requested program already resides on a local storage device;
- retrieving the requested program from the local storage device if the requested program resides thereon;
- transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display;
- downloading the requested program from a PPV service provider if the requested program does not reside on the local storage device;
- transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display and to the storage device for storage;
- offering at least one of a pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording service ~~services including at least one of pause, rewind and fast forward~~ to a client for programs stored in the local storage device; and
- charging the client a fee for each of the pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording services ~~service~~ requested.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:

- periodically accessing a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;
- determining if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;
- downloading the program if it is not stored in the local storage device; and
- transmitting the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.
6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, further including the steps of:
selecting programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and
generating a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.
7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.
8. (canceled)
9. (canceled)
10. (currently amended) A system for providing a program to a client, the system comprising:
means for receiving a request for a pay per view program from the client;

means for determining if the requested program already resides on a local storage device;

means for retrieving the requested program from the local storage device if the requested program resides thereon;

means for transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display;

means for downloading the requested program from a PPV service provider if the requested program does not reside on the local storage device;

means for transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display and to the storage device for storage;

means for offering at least one of a pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording service ~~services including at least one of pause, rewind and fast forward~~ to a client for programs stored in the local storage device; and

means for charging the client a fee for each of the pause, rewind and fast forward personal video recording services ~~service~~ requested.

11. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for periodically accessing a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;

means for determining if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;

means for downloading the program if it is not stored in the local storage device; and

means for transmitting the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

12. (previously presented) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.

13. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for updating a video on demand page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.

14. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for selecting programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and

means for generating a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.

16. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)